

# Library Technology

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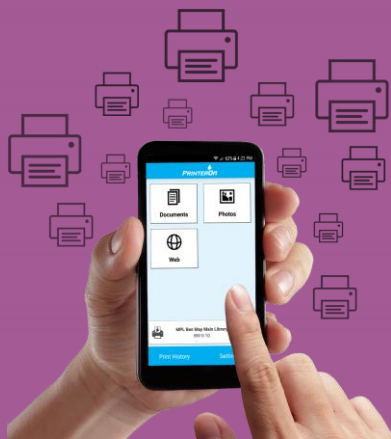


**SAINT PAUL**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- Public computers (PCs & Laptops)
- PC reservation and printing software
- Mobile printing service
- Printers
- Headphones
- Internet filters and security software
- Library catalog
- Website
- Event calendar
- Mobile app
- Charging stations
- Copier/Fax machines
- Coin/bill op machines for print payment
- Public Wi-Fi
- Mobile Hotspots for checkout
- Telephone notification system
- Integrated Library System (Sierra)
- Library Go – data automation
- Credit card processing service for payment of lost material
- Self-checkout machines
- iPads loaded with literacy apps
- Video call kits
- Assistive Technology Kits
- Hold pickup lockers
- Projectors and LCD monitors
- Microphones and portable PAs
- Network switches and battery backups
- Wi-Fi access points
- Telephone systems
- Staff computers and software
- Workplace tools for staff
- Automated material handlers
- Security cameras

# Technology Serves the Community

- Patron 1 – small business owner
- Patron 2 – new resident
- Patron 3 – family

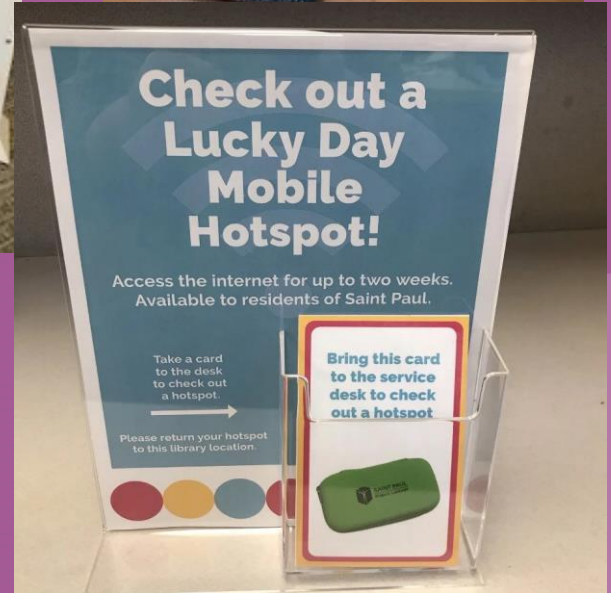


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## **Patron 1 – small business owner**

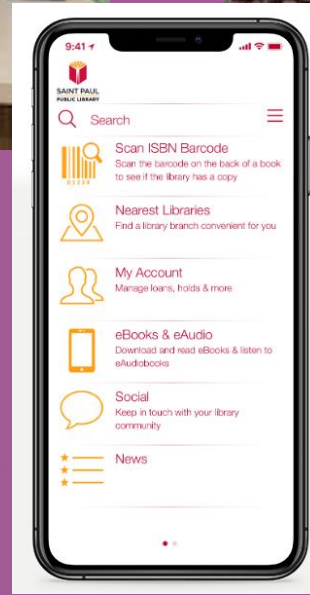
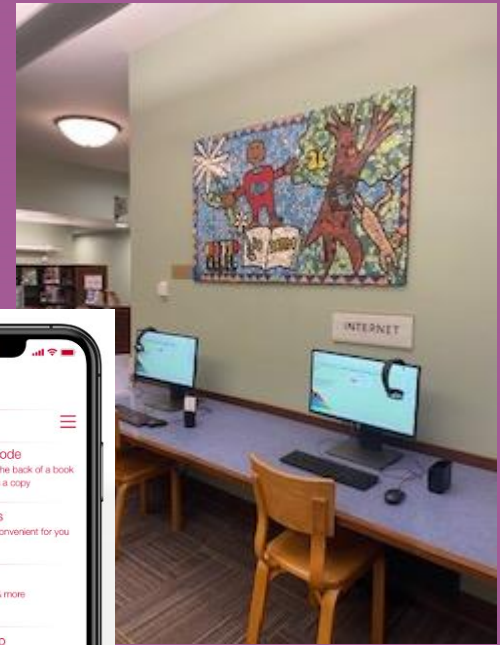
- **Library Wi-Fi**
- **Mobile Printing**
- **Copier / fax machine**
- **Meeting rooms with AV options**
- **Video call kits**
- **Remote access to business resources**





## Patron 2 – new resident

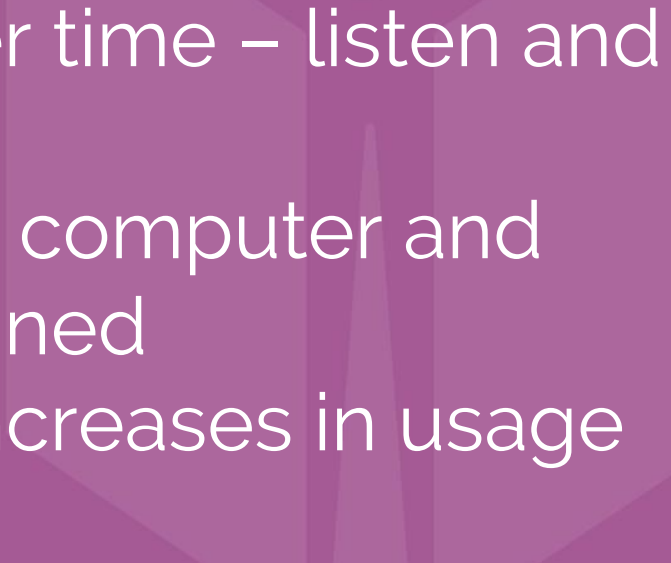
- Cell phone charging locker
- Guest pass to use the public computer and printer
- Printer with coin/bill op
- Welcome Library Card



- Patron 3 – family**
- Automated returns**
- Family computers in children's spaces**
- Catalog, website, or mobile app to search and place holds**
- Self-checkout and digital barcode in mobile app**



# Data

- Library use changes over time – listen and respond to needs
  - From 2016-2019 - public computer and Wi-Fi usage slowly declined
  - 2020-present - steady increases in usage but not fully rebound
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**90%**

**Reported satisfaction with library digital and technology services – computers, internet and Wi-Fi, printers, etc...**



**36%**

**Need faxing services. 61% for respondents of color.**



**15%**

**Want help starting or growing a business.**

**“Library Technology and Digital Services Survey – Key Findings for Saint Paul Public Library”  
Administered by Wilder Research for MELSA Libraries in 2022**



# Partnerships



- City of Saint Paul – Office of Technology and Communications
- The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
- MELSA – Metropolitan Library Services Agency
- Saint Paul Public Schools – Library Go
- ULC – Urban Libraries Council
- Library Staff
- Community in our buildings and outside

# Budget

- General Fund
  - The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
  - MELSA – Metropolitan Library Services Agency
  - E-Rate
  - Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA)
  - Other federal grants and programs
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**Thank you!**

